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SUBJ: SMITHSONIAN FOLKLIFE FESTIVAL, PHILADELPHIA 76
AND RENWICK

CAO DISCUSSED RINZLER/INMAN LETTER OF OCTOBER 31 WITH
DR. BONFIL WHO ASSURES HE IS READY TO OFFER FULL SUPPORT
NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF ANTHROPOLOGY TO SMITHSONIAN FOR
MEXICAN PARTICIPATION. HOWEVER HAS NOT RECEIVED BUDGET
FROM MINISTRY FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

AT MEETING OF NEWLY FORMED MIXED US-MEXICAN BICENTENNIAL
COMMITTEE AT FOREIGN OFFICE ON DECEMBER 9, GOM GAVE FORMAL
APPROVAL FOR PARTICIPATION NOT ONLY FOLKLIFE FESTIVAL, BUT
ALSO RENWICK GALLERY EXHIBITION AND PHILADELPHIA 76
EXHIBITION. CAO FOLLOWED MEETING WITH FORMAL LETTER TO
AMBASSADOR CABRERA MUNOZ LEDO POINTING OUT URGENCY OF
NAMING COORDINATOR FOR PHILADELPHIA 76 EXHIBITION.
IN PHONE CALL FOLLOW UP TO LETTER, AMBASSADOR CABRERA
TOLD CAO THAT NO FORMAL RESPONSE CAN BE FORTHCOMING UNTIL
HE DISCUSSES WITH FOREIGN MINISTER RABASA WHO PERSONALLY
INTERESTED BUT JUST RETURNED FROM ISRAEL.
REALISTICALLY, SINCE GOM SHUTS DOWN FOR HOLIDAYS ON
DECEMBER 18, WE CAN PROBABLY NOT EXPECT MOVEMENT ON
APPROVAL OF BUDGETS FOR ABOVE PROGRAMS UNTIL EARLY
IN NEW YEAR. UNLESS ABOVE MOVES FASTER THAN EXPECTED
CAO'S ASSESSMENT IS THAT SINCE ITEMS FOR PHILADELPHIA
NEEDED BEFORE END OF FEBRUARY, THIS PROJECT IN SERIOUS
DOUBT.

AT DECEMBER 9 MEETING CABRERA SAID HE HAD NOT YET
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RECEIVED BUDGET PROPOSAL FOR PHILADELPHIA 76 SO CAO GAVE

HIM HIS COPY. CAO HAD HOWEVER GIVEN CABEREA BUDGET
VERBALLY ON 12/5 AFTER CALL FROM CLAUDINE KLOSE.
THIS SYMPTOMATIC OF PROBLEMS FACED. WILL CONTINUE
PURSUING AND ADVISE.
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